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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The Government are considering that question."

Allotment of staff from the Harijan Welfare Department to Andhra State.

* 321 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state how many persons from the Harijan Welfare Department were transferred to Andhra State under each of the following heads, viz., Director, Deputy Directors, Office Assistants, Supervisors, Upper Division Clerks, Lower Division Clerks, Typists, Special Inspectors, Overseers, Attenders, Watchmen, etc.?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The number of persons 'allotted' to the Andhra State is—

One Personal Assistant,

Three Office Assistants,

One Head Clerk (Agency Section),

Five Lower Division Clerks, and

One Typist.

" In respect of the other categories, no one was 'allotted'.

" The number of 'transferred Officers' to the Andhra State is 'Nil'."

Purchase of coal for the Power House at Basin Bridge.

* 322 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many tons of coal are purchased annually for the consumption of the Power House at Basin Bridge, Madras;

(*b*) whether the coal available at Neyveli, South Arcot district, has been tried in the Power House at Basin Bridge; and

(*c*) what is the cost of coal per ton purchased for the Power House last year?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) About 120,000 tons on the average.

" (*b*) Large scale mining of lignite in Neiveli is yet to be started. But, as an experimental measure, some samples of lignite from Neiveli were tried in the Power Station in 1952, with encouraging results.

" (*c*) Rs. 34 to Rs. 36–6–3 per ton including freight charges."

Electricity Extension Scheme for the Gingee taluk.

* 323 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the programme of the Government for extending and supplying electric energy as

mentioned in the Hon. Public Works Minister's reply to starred question No. 79 at page 564 of the Official Report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 19th March 1953?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government have reviewed the policy regarding the financing of electricity extension schemes and have cancelled the voluntary loan contribution scheme introduced in 1952. They have also decided that certain extension schemes estimated to cost Rs. 54 lakhs which were stopped in 1952 on account of the cut in the budget grant should be proceeded with. New extension schemes estimated to cost Rs. 26 lakhs have also been ordered to be taken up in the current year. The schemes will be taken up in the order of priority and a provision of Rs. 50 lakhs will be made in the current year's budget for the purpose.

" Schemes for extension of supply and individual service connections will be taken up strictly in the order of priority and with reference to the availability of funds. Where, however, the prospective consumers offer loan contributions voluntarily to meet the full cost of an extension scheme or a service connection, that scheme or service connection as the case may be, will be taken up for execution out of turn under ' top priority '."

* 324 *Q*.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" I want this question to be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection."

Report of the Tripartite Committee on the Textile Industry.

* 325 *Q*.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are in receipt of the Tripartite Committee Report on the Textile Industry;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to implement its provisions?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Committee's report is under print and copies of the report will be placed in the Legislature Library for reference by the Members.

" (*c*) The Committee is not a statutory committee and the parties are not bound to implement the recommendations of the Committee."